



Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

St Winefride's Church, St Paul's Avenue, Bradford BD6 1ST (open daily 7am-7pm)

St John the Evangelist's Church, Cooper Lane, Bradford BD6 3NS

Diocese of Leeds Reg. Charity No 249404

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Sunday 20th September 2026

Saturday 19th September Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 20th September TWENTY –FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 1.00pm St Winefride's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Augustine Kuriyakose RIP Zbigniew Spyrka A <i>Baptism: Lainey June Young</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 21st September ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's School	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Tuesday 22nd September Weekday in Ordinary Time	12noon St John's	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest MEM	12.30pm St Win's Hall	Priest's Intention
Thursday 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 25th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St Winefride's School	Priest's Intention
Saturday 26th September Weekday in Ordinary Time Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 27th September TWENTY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Priest's Intention Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions this week: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.45pm, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St

Please pray for the sick and those who died recently.

Parish Mission Statement: *We reach out to all people in Jesus' name.*

Finances

Offertory: Sun 13th September: **E: £201; L: £326.28. Refreshments: St J's: £17.50; Clothing Stall: £16.20 2nd Collection; Catholic Education: £E: £80.50; L: £102.70.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity. Second Collection today: **Home Mission Sunday.**

Parish matters

Thank you to **Tina Spyрка** who has kindly agreed to play the organ at our 11.15am Mass today and on occasions in the future also.

Would you like to become a Catholic? Catechism classes begin on 11th Oct. Book at Parish Office.

Unfortunately both **our boilers at St Win's Church** have now failed and it is estimated that their replacement will cost **£20,000.** Thank you to Trish Barstow, Chair of our Property Committee, for dealing with this matter. We hope to have new boilers installed soon for obvious reasons. Please be patient with us as the temperature drops. If it is not possible to install new ones quickly, we may have to close St Win's Church for a period. In the meantime I should be grateful if parishioners would examine whether they can increase their giving. This latest development will increase our debt to **£80,000.** *Fr P*

We are in need of a number of volunteers across a number of areas as follows: **Collection counters** – once every six weeks; **Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists** – once every six weeks; **St John's Sacristy Team** - occasional; **Stewards to set up refreshments for after the 9.45am Mass** – once a month; **Coordinator for the new Parish Men's Group** – very occasional; **Gardening Team at St Win's** – whenever convenient; **Eucharistic Ministers to take Holy Communion to house-bound parishioners** – when convenient; **Church cleaners at St Win's** – once a fortnight; **Rosary Reciters** before Mass (May/Oct) – when convenient. Some parishioners will be participating in the **40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign** near the Leeds abortion clinic again this year: 22/9: 7-8pm; 23/9: 5-7pm; 4/10, 5-7pm; 14/10, 5-7pm; 18/10; 31/10, 12-2pm. Lifts from Presbytery half an hour before each prayer slot. Book your place: Parish Office.

Adult faith formation

Journey in Faith (for people who wish to become Catholic and returning Catholics): Twice monthly, Sun, 6.30-7.45pm, St J's Hall: starts 11th Oct: *Who is Jesus?* 25/10; 8/11; 22/11; 6/12; 20/12; 10/1; 24/1; 7/2; 21/2; 7/3; 21/3.

Ongoing Faith Formation Group (for Catholics and all who want to know more): 22/10: St Francis of Assisi (Year of St Francis): "Rebuild my Church."

Baptism Classes: (two sessions for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child): Sats, 10.45am to 12noon, St J's Hall: 10/10 & 14/11; 23/1 & 30/1; 22/5 & 29/5; 24/7 & 31/7.

Catholic Men's Group: Fris, 6pm: Adoration; 6.30pm Mass, 7pm Talk and discussion, St W's; 8.30pm: Pub, for the thirsty: 20/11; 5/2; 19/3; 7/5.

Internet banking and standing orders

Parish bank details: HSBC; Diocese of Leeds Mary, Mother of God; Sort Code: 40-27-15; Account Number: 51343998.

Forthcoming events

Mon 21st Sept, 8.30am: **Cleaning St W's Church**
Fri-Sat 25th /26th Sep: **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** We will stay overnight, some at Kings Lynn and some in the village before the pilgrimage proper starts on the Sat. Please express your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

Sun 27th Sep: **UCM** will be selling Buns and Cakes after the 9.45am and 11.15am Masses.

Mon 5th Oct, 7pm: **Batley Torchlight Procession.** A minibus will leave from the parish at 6pm. Price: £5. Please sign up at the Parish Office.

Tues 6th Oct, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council.**

Sat 10th Oct, 4-5 & 6.15-7.15pm: In response to Bishop Marcus' request, we will be marking the national **Adoremus Festival** by having two holy hours, one before & one after our Vigil Mass.

Tues 20th Oct, 6.30pm, Thanksgiving **Mass and Reception for Fr Sunny**, St J's Church & Hall. Donation envelopes available next week.

Children and young people

We will be **enrolling children in all three First Sacraments Programmes** at this w/e's Masses.

Sat 19th Sep, 4pm: **Introductory meeting** for parents & children who wish to make their First Confession or First Holy Communion, St Win's Hall.

First Confession: Five preparation sessions for Year 3 pupils: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm, 3/2, 10/2, 24/2, 3/3, 10/3, St John the Evangelist School; or Thurs 6-7.15pm, 4/2, 11/2, 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, St Win's Hall.

First Confession Penance Service: Wed 17th March, 6-7pm, St Win's.

First Holy Communion: Six preparation sessions for Year 4 pupils: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm, 28/4, 5/5, 12/5, 19/5, 9/6, 16/6, St John the Evangelist School; or Thurs 6-7.15pm, 29/4, 6/5, 13/5, 20/5, 10/6, 17/6, St Win's Hall. **First Holy Communion Masses:** Sun 20th June, 11.15am, St John's; Sun 27th June, 9.45am, St Win's.

Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for children in Years 6-8): **Introductory meeting:** Sat 12th Sep, 4pm, St W's Hall; Fris, 6-7.30pm, 9/10; 6/11; 27/11; 11/12; 8/1; 22/1, St W's Hall. Mass of Confirmation: Wed 27th Jan, 6pm, St W's.

Group meetings/regular events

Cath Care Stay & Play: Mon, 9am: St W's Hall.

UCM: 1st Mon, 7.30pm: St J's Hall.

Catholic Care Lunch Groups: Tues, 1pm, St J's Hall; Wed, 1pm, St W's Hall.

St J's SVP: Alternate Tues, 5.30pm: Wdside Ct.

Bible Study: Wed, 10.30-11.15am, St W's Hall.

St W's SVP: 2nd Wed, 11.15am: St W's Room.

CC Community Market: Wed, 9.30am: St W's Hl.

Youth Group: 3rd Fri, 6.30pm: St J's (term time)

St W's Gardening Grp: Sats, 11am-12noon.

St J's Church Cleaning: 3rd Sat, 8am.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

LEEDS CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND THE SIXTEEN: Sun 27th Sept, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir performs with members of internationally-renowned choir The Sixteen and the Genesis Sixteen young artist programme, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission free, a suggested £10 donation.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAYER, FASTING AND PEACEFUL VIGIL: 23rd Sept to 1st Nov 7am-7pm. Join us in being a voice for the voiceless. Location: 150 meters from MSI Reproductive Choices abortion facility at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road LS7 4AW. www.40daysforlife.com/leeds

SPARK SOCIAL JUSTICE: Join our conversations on faith, hope and peace, reflecting on Theology in Gaza, with author John Munayer "The Cross and the Olive Tree" and Professor Esther McIntosh, Professor of Feminist Theology at York University. On 29th Sept 7pm-9pm; www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Fri 2nd Oct, 6th Nov, 4th Dec 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

THE LEEDS CATHOLIC VOICE IS THE NEW FREE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR DIOCESE:

Launching from weekend of 3 & 4 Oct, which is also the deadline for sending any articles, photographs or ideas for the November edition to communications@rcdmidd.org.uk or communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

VENI EMMANUEL ADVENT MUSIC FOR PARISH MUSICIANS: Sun 4th Oct, 2-4pm, Queen's Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary, LS17 6LE. Parish musicians, choir members and all involved in liturgical music are invited to an afternoon of Advent music/reflection. Admission free, suggested donation £5. Hosted by Diocese of Leeds Music and Faith Formation. To book, email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY CARERS PROJECT: is hosting an October series of Devotions to our Lady, including reflections/prayers for carers and loved ones. The first of the series, the Joyful Mysteries will be a live online session (Tue 6th Oct, 7pm). A recorded session, praying the next three Mysteries of the Rosary, will then be released weekly during October on the Growing Old Grace-fully YouTube channel. email Michelle, carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

"IT IS BEAUTIFUL TO BE OLD" - OLDER PEOPLE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Tues 13 Oct 2026, 10am-1:30pm, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. This event, hosted by Growing Old Grace-fully will explore Catholic Social Teaching regarding the blessings of later life, led by theologian Dr Peter Kevern. To book a place, please email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

CARITAS LEEDS - DAY OF REFLECTION: Sat 17 Oct, 9.30am–2.15pm at Hinsley Hall. A day of prayer and discussion as we renew our call to serve society and put Catholic Social Teaching into action. Includes Caritas information sessions, scripture reflection and a hot lunch. Attendance is free. To book, email caritas.leeds@catholic-care.org.uk by 30 September.

INSTAGRAM HANGOUT: Join us at Leeds Cathedral for an exclusive tour created especially for Instagrammers! Learn more about the fascinating history, architecture and design of our Arts and Crafts-style Cathedral, access areas not usually open to the public, and capture its beauty through photography. Sat 31st Oct 2pm-4pm. All are welcome! Tickets are free, but registration is essential: <https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV>

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026-2027: Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "May the Lord Give You Peace". Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, March 6, April 3, May 1. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, concluding at around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

CLEAVING TO CHRIST: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: To complement the work which is already being done in many parishes, the Vicariate for Education will offer six in-person sessions for engaged couples between Nov 2026 and May 2027 (10.15am-12.30pm) at St Winefride's Hall, Bradford, BD6 1ST. Mass available at St Winefride's Church, 9.30am. To book a place (£20 per couple): education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk; 0113 261 8040.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT: An online support group for unpaid carers has two sessions on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us for the opportunity to make new friends, chat and have space and time to pray. Contact Michelle for more information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION EVENTS: Many Catholic adults wish to discover more about their faith. The Vicariate for Education is offering a wide range of faith development events during 2026/27, both at Hinsley Hall in Leeds and elsewhere throughout the Diocese. To find out more, scroll down to "Faith Formation": www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.